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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH SEEKS RE-ELECTION TO COUNCIL OF THE IMO

Summary

1. Post received a diplomatic note from Bangladesh's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Bangladesh seeks re-election to the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in category "B" at the forthcoming election to be held during the 26th Regular Session of the Assembly, which will take place in London from 23 November to 04 December 2009. The diplomatic note is repeated below. The attachment mentioned in the text will be sent by email to SCA/INSB.

2. Begin text:

No. UN-EL-8037/05. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Dhaka and has the honour to inform that in accordance with Article-17 of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Convention, the Government of Bangladesh has decided to seek re-election to the Council of the IMO in category "B" at the forthcoming election to be held during the 26th Regular Session of the Assembly, which will take place in London from 23 November to 04 December 2009.

Bangladesh believes that the IMO, as a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for maritime activities, plays a critical role in ensuring maritime safety, security and protection of the marine environment and assisting its Member States in their capacity-building. Bangladesh attaches high importance to the work of the IMO and has been actively involved in the activities of IMO. As a member of the IMO, Bangladesh has committed itself to promote the implementation of the instruments developed under the auspices of IMO.

In seeking re-election of Bangladesh to the IMO council, the Government of Bangladesh wishes to reiterate its deep interest and full commitment to the objectives of IMO. If re-elected, Bangladesh, in close collaboration with the other Member States of the IMO, will endeavour to contribute to the achievement of the goals of the Organization for safe and secure shipping on clean oceans.

An Aide-Memoire outlining Bangladesh's contribution to international shipping and the IMO is attached hereto.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Embassy of the United States of America in Dhaka the assurances of its highest consideration.

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